



Minutes of the General Board of Area E Disaster Management Joint Powers Agreement

June 17, 2015 – NORWALK ARTS & SPORTS COMPLEX

The general meeting of the Area E Disaster Board was called to order at 8:41 am by Chair, Emely Merina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Artesia – Sam Choi
Carson – Anita Kincherlow
Cerritos – Emely Merina
Compton – Stacy Barnes
La Mirada – Andrew Vialpando
Lakewood – Nancy Hitt
Lynwood – Peter Han
Norwalk – Raquel Vernola Eric Wosick
Paramount – Carlos Mendoza
Santa Fe Springs – Darryl Pedigo
South Gate – Sheri Koomen
Vernon – Yesenia Barajas
Whittier – Rod Hill, Yolanda Martinez
Area E – Jennifer Cerda, Zaira Villa

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bell – Tom Rodriguez
Bell Gardens – Jeffrey Travis
Bellflower – Jennie Kirby
Commerce – Matthew Rodriguez
Cudahy – Victor Ferrer
Downey – Andrew Stevens
Hawaiian Gardens – Juana Hernandez, Tina Rosa
Huntington Park – Elsa Cobian, Juan Porras
LA County OEM – Ashu Palta
La Habra Heights – Charles Hurley
Maywood – Carlos Fernandez
Montebello – Kurt Johnson
Pico Rivera – Julia Gonzalez

Also Present:

ARC– Chris Campbell-Jay
CSUDH- Gary Singer
LACoFire- Rosemary Vivero
LACoPH- Dorothy O'Brien
LACoPW- Loni Eazell
LHH- Fire Watch- Norm Zezula
Park Water Co- Arnie Martinez

Roll call was taken and self-introductions were made.

PRESENTATIONS

7th Annual Area E Regional CERT Exercise - Special recognition was given to Kevin and Nancy Hitt for their participation in the CERT Exercise.

Acting DMAC 2012-2015 Raquel Vernola - Chairperson Merina gave an overview of Raquel Vernola's numerous accomplishments during her time as Acting Disaster Management Area Coordinator for the Area E Disaster Board. Raquel was awarded with a special plaque of recognition for her service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following cities and agencies reported on emergency management activities.

Artesia: City is in the process of reconstructing Pioneer Blvd between 183rd and South Street.

Carson: Conducted Sidewalk CPR on June 4.

Cerritos: City adopted Water Conservation resolutions. Conducted Sidewalk CPR on June 4 in Cerritos Mall. Conducted a Disaster Communications Meeting developing the Cerritos Amateur Radio League (CARL) and the Cerritos Ham Emergency Response Program (CHERP). Will conduct Basic CERT training in October. Will conduct a Fireworks Event July 4. Will conduct National Night Out Thursday, August 6.

Lakewood: CPR training was conducted for staff.

Lynwood: Conducted Sidewalk CPR on June 4.

Norwalk: Introduced Emergency Preparedness Officer Eric Wosick. Will conduct Emergency Preparedness musical during National Night Out on August 5. Will conduct NIMS/ SEMS training for staff. Conducted a Senior Preparedness Workshop on June 5.

Paramount: Purchased emergency management response trailer and are currently prepping with supplies.

Santa Fe Springs: Conducted a successful 5k Family Fun Run on June 6.

South Gate: Awarded LHMP to Contractor. Planning department will be taking the lead on LHMP. Conducted Sidewalk CPR on June 4 with LA County Fire.

Whittier: Will conduct Basic CERT training in August with LA County Fire. Received a \$20,000 grant to purchase CERT trailer.

American Red Cross: The Service Delivery Committee Meetings are being conducted in different cities to advise what services can be provided during a disaster.

CSUDH: Conducted a full scale Active Shooter exercise on June 5. Currently working on AAR for exercise. Special thank you to the cities of Carson and Compton for their participation.

LACoFire: Participated in Sidewalk CPR, June 4, with the cities of Huntington Park, Lynwood and South Gate.

LACoPH: Currently conducting Flu Outreach Campaigns. More information can be found on the website www.lacounty.publichealth.gov.

LACoPW: Currently working with Cullen Armet on Mass Debris Management Plan. Will provide a template for cities to use. The first planning meeting will be conducted on June 30.

LHH Fire Watch: Conducted presentation to City Council to deal with drought concerns.

Park Water Co: Have met with the Cities of Compton and Norwalk regarding water conservation regulations 1 & 2.

1.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2015

It was moved by Member Raquel Vernola and seconded by Member Nancy Hitt that the minutes of May 20, 2015 be approved. The motion carried.

2.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Incoming FY 15-16 Board Chair, Andrew Vialpando currently seeking interest of Members for Executive Board. Confirmed interest with the City of Downey Emergency Manager, Andrew Stevens.

It was moved by Member Andrew Vialpando and seconded by Member Rod Hill that Andrew Stevens of the City of Downey be elected to the Executive Board. The motion carried.

3.0 REVIEW OF 7TH ANNUAL CERT EXERCISE

Area E Regional CERT Chair, Raquel Vernola gave a summary of the 7th Annual CERT Exercise. Participants included 150 CERT volunteers, 17 local, and 7 regional cities.

4.0 OPERATIONAL AREA INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DMAC Cullen Armet reviewed the Operational Area Informational Report and discussed its contents.

It was moved by Member Sheri Koomen and seconded by Member Raquel Vernola that the Operational Area Informational Report be received and filed. The motion carried.

5.0 AREA E EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairperson Merina announced that the 2015 Northern California CERT Conference will be held in Richmond, CA June 29-30. More information can be found on the website www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org. The California Emergency Services Association (CESA) Awards program nominations for Public/ Private sector are open until July 2, 2015.

Area E Fire Chiefs - Stacy Barnes, no report.

Southeast Police Chiefs - Sheri Koomen announced the retirement of Huntington Park Police Sergeant, David Cassidy. Sheri will introduce DMAC Cullen Armet at a future meeting. Attended the Law Enforcement Technology Group meeting.

Red Cross Steering Committee- Andrew Vialpando, no report.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board it was moved by Member Rod Hill and seconded by Member Andrew Vialpando that the June meeting of the Area E Joint Powers Agreement be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.

ATTEST:



Andrew Vialpando, Chair



Jennifer Cerda, Area E Administrative Manager

APPROVED:

September 16, 2015